

As your Representative in the United States House of Representatives, each year I have the privilege of

**THE 2009 APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS PASSED. PLEASE CHECK BACK FOR INFORMATION**

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is a nomination?

Members of Congress may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law

- The member of the U.S. House of Representatives who represents the congressional district in which
- Both U.S. Senators from his or her state
- Apply directly to the Vice-President of the United States

#### What are the basic eligibility requirements?

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year

- Age: Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday
- Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen
- Marital Status: Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or
- Residence: Must reside within the boundaries of our Congressional District
- Skill / Fitness: Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy

#### Where do I obtain an application?

- Checklist (2010 materials coming soon)
- Application (2010 materials coming soon)

#### What must be included in my nomination file?

A complete nomination file consists of the following items:

- Current photo

- High school transcript
- American College Testing Program (ACT) results and/or College Board Scholastic Assessment Test
- Resume of extracurricular activities
- An essay stating why you want to attend a service academy (500 words or less)
- Minimum of three letters of recommendation

**There are 5 Service Academies?**

**Three reside within the Department of Defense:**

- United States Military Academy
  - <http://www.usma.edu/>
  - Admissions: <http://admissions.usma.edu/>
- United States Naval Academy
  - <http://www.usna.edu>
  - Admissions: <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>
- United States Air Force Academy
  - <http://www.usafa.edu>
  - Admissions: <http://academyadmissions.com/>

**One resides within the Department of Transportation**

- United States Merchant Marine Academy
- <http://www.usmma.edu/>
- Admissions: <http://www.usmma.edu/admissions/default.htm>

**One resides within the Department of Homeland Security :**

- United States Coast Guard Academy
- <http://www.uscga.edu/>
- Admissions: <http://www.uscga.edu/display.aspx?id=2904>

**Are the requirements the same for all of the service academies?**

No. Although many of the qualifications are similar, each academy operates under its own admissions g

It is not necessary to seek a nomination to the Coast Guard Academy. USCGA accepts candidates bas

**W** **ho should I ask to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf?**

Some of the people applicants typically seek recommendations from include:

- Teachers
- Counselors
- Employer
- Coaches
- Clergy
- Scout Leaders

**Will I automatically be selected by the academy after I receive a nomination?**

No. You will be placed among a select group of nominees, and the academy of your choice will make the selection.

**What if I choose more than one academy? Will I be limited to a single nomination?**

No. You can be nominated to multiple academies depending on how well you compare with other candidates.